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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

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Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOH & CO., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 1362.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

ON and after this Date the Undersigned Resumes his Duties as SECRETARY of the Company.

By Order of the Directors.

JAS. H. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. 1362.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction on

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE 6th April, 1882, at 2 p.m., at No. 30, Hollywood Road.

The whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT-WOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, PEDESTAL PIANO, PATTERN-COVERED; FINE COTTAGE PIANO, by SCHWACK; BLACKWOOD, PIANO STOOL, BLACKWOOD CARVED TABLE, HANDMADE GILT MIRRORS, LACE CURTAINS, BRUSSEL and TAPESTRY CARPETS, ENGLISH-MADE MAROQUIN MOCOCCO-COVERED DINING-ROOM SUITE, EXTENSIVE DINING TABLE, TEAK SIDEBOARD, PLATED GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, &c., PAINTINGS, AMERICAN-MADE INLAID and CARVED WALNUT-BEDSTEAD, SPRING MATTRESS, AMERICAN-MADE WALNUT-BEDSTEAD, with DRESSING GLASS, and AMERICAN-MADE WALNUT WARDROBES, ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT DAVENPORT, OIL CLOTH, STAIN CARPETS, &c., SHANGHAI BATH, WARDROBE, ETC., ETC., ETC.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, 1st January, 1882. ap6

To Let.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

N. 4, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, END HOUSE. Immediate Possession.

Apply to "A. B. C."

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Nos. 4 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, March 24, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

GENUINE MADEIRA WINE, 1870, 822 per Dozen OLD SUPERIOR PORT (BASTARDOS), 815 per Dozen.

Apply to L. THEVENIN, Hongkong Hotel Building.

Hongkong, March 21, 1882. ap21

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE, Quarts. \$17 per I Doz. Cases. Pints. \$18 per 2 Doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

A. RAUTER T MAINZ DELICIOUS TABLE BEER, 4 doz. CASE CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES, \$10. Apply to SANDER & CO.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREEHALL'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and FIDELIA'S *** DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

GEORGE STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

ACTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

Intimations.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1861.

IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to

PAY A FIRST DIVIDEND of \$500 per Share (being on account of Capital and Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby notified that the said Sum will be paid them on their handing them their Share CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidator.

E. F. ALFORD, Liquidator.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1861.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned, beg to draw your

attention to the fact that we were

put into great trouble by the Chinese

Customs Officers at Shanghai, and request that you will insert the following in the

columns of your to-night's issue.

We embarked in the steamer *Chinaman* of Messrs Siemssen & Co., from Shanghai for Hongkong on the 22nd inst., and

brought with each of us our food for the voyage.

On coming on board, we met the Offi-

cers, who cut our parcels of the food, and

finding it was rice, they seized it, we

immediately brought the matter to the

knowledge of the Captain of the ship, who

came with Chief Mate and Compradores to

advise them to give up the seizure, but

in vain, and only five packages of rice

were left to us, which was only suf-

cient for two days' supply to us

(amounting to over one hundred mouths.)

After the seizure had taken place, we

went on shore intending to buy what

rice we could get, but unfortunately it was

night, and the shops were all shut.

With this disappointment we went on board

again to wait until next day to go on shore

to buy, but the Captain insisted that he

could not lose one hour to allow us to do

so, and the steamer started.

After two days we actually finished all

our provisions. Happily the Captain and

Compradores were kind to us; they consulted

together, and agreed to take the great

trouble of sailing into Amoy where we

bought our food.

Fortunately during the whole voyage was

fine; otherwise if the vessel had encountered

bad weather and had we then been detained

on the voyage for any length of time, all on board certainly would have been starved.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS STORES AND
NEW AND SEASONABLE
GOODS.EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSICAL RAISINS.METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COSAQUES.GALLARD & BOWEN'S CONFECTIONERY.
BUTTER SCOTCH.HONEY SCOTCH.
ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.PATRAS CURRANTS.
VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX STEAMER "Glenyside".
STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TEASER'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCONUTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIBERI & ETT'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

SIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HIMBECK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

IRES, GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUCROT & Co.'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENFDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S AND ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CARMON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE AND PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE AND PORTER, in hogsheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH AND APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lbs cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting Desert FRUITS in 2½ lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

" " LUNCH TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA

RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

* Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHRAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

Mails.



To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship "Peking," Captain Drewes, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSON & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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FOR SHANGHAI

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHANGH, HANKOW and Parts on the YANGTSEK.)

The Steamship "Glenyside," Captain F. Greve, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship DECCAN, Captain J. B. Chapman, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY, and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the 6th April, 1882, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Point de Galle; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Gale.

For further Particulars, regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contracts and Values of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1882.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, PORT SAID, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAVILLE, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

TAKING CARGO & PASSENGERS AT THROUGH RATES FOR CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHANGH, HANKOW AND PARTS ON THE YANGTSEK.

The Steamship "Glenyside," Captain F. Greve, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, NEWCHANGH, TIEN-

TSIN, HANKOW and Parts on the YANGTSEK.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Glenyside," Captain F. Greve, will be despatched at Daylight on WEDNESDAY, the 5th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-

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Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

tain to the best of our ability the good order and cleanliness we had succeeded in establishing during Sir Arthur Kennedy's administration, have caused his Excellency to formulate charges against us which it would have been better not to have made. Two of these charges I am compelled with reluctance to refer to here, because I notice they have been again, quite lately, reproduced with the view to justifying in your Lordship's sight the dismissal of Dr. Ayres from the post of Sanitary Inspector.

The first charge is, that either Dr. Ayres or I—or both of us, allowed a portion of the night soil from Victoria's Gool to escape through a sewer in the gaol yard; thereby endangering the health of the prisoners. I may briefly state, my Lord, that a charge of this kind cannot be made against us, and that Governor Hennessy is aware that it is against the gaol authorities he should properly prefer it, for it is the gaol authorities who solely and exclusively attend to the cleanliness of the establishment. Had they let Dr. Ayres know that they allowed a portion of the waste matter to escape by the sewer, I have no doubt he would have advised them to discontinue the practice; and the truth of the matter is, the gaol authorities who keep the premises in scrupulously clean order, so simply diluted the waste matter thus escaping by the sewer, and followed the escape by such an ample flood of clean water, that in reality no nuisance whatsoever was created by them to affect the health of the prisoners. Moreover, the sewer happens to be thoroughly well trapped, so that no escape of gas is possible into the gaol yard. Any person, however, unacquainted with these circumstances, and going only by the language in which the Governor's charge is couched, would be apt to receive an unduly magnified impression of the alleged evil. It is therefore as well to rectify that impression by mentioning the whole truth.

Another charge preferred against Dr. Ayres and myself, and which I believe advanced as an additional reason why he should be dismissed from the Sanitary Inspectorate, is that we have jointly advocated the introduction of water-closets into the colony. I need scarcely say, my Lord, that there is not the slightest ground for this allegation, and that it obtains no credence in Hongkong, where our views are only too well known to the public. It happens that both the Colonial Surgeon and myself, making use of our common sense, are, and ever have been, the most active opponents of the water-closet system of conservancy for a town like Hongkong, the sewers of which are so imperfectly supplied with water. I am the first Surveyor General of Hongkong who has systematically declined to grant permits for the creation of water-closets in any new houses; and in this course of action I have received the Colonial Surgeon's entire support. Hoping to strengthen his accusation against us, Governor Hennessy reproduces and publishes some old regulations I made in 1873 for the protection of the water-supply in houses having water-closets, and his Excellency thinks these regulations prove that I contemplated the introduction of a water-closet system of sewerage. The regulations in question, however, as his Excellency well knows, for I have had to dislodge his mind on the subject more than once, merely refer to those houses where I found water-closets already in existence, and water-closets which having been officially allowed by my predecessors, could not well or legally be ordered to be removed by me, and in respect of which therefore it became necessary to devise rules for the safety from contamination or pollution of the water supply. The rules (see Appendix B), did not in any way contemplate the encouragement of water-closets all over the town as the Governor desires to make out, and I have to protest against so strained and far-fetched an interpretation of the rules on part of his Excellency.

His Excellency also thinks he perceives an intention on my part to introduce the water-closet system of conservancy, in the following passage, which he quotes from my printed Water Supply Report of 1873—"Our markets, slaughter-houses, and public latrines all require water in its greatest plenitude to remove as expeditiously as possible all noxious and decomposing matters which at present vitiate the surrounding atmosphere." His Excellency having made the foregoing passage the subject of a public charge, in which he implicates Dr. Ayres with myself as an additional justification of that officer's suspension from the post of Sanitary Inspector, it is necessary I should explain that the passage in question simply pleads for an increased use of water in the scrubbing and washing down of the begrimed walls and floors of our markets, slaughterhouses, and public latrines, and that it does not plead for the introduction of water-closets as alleged by Governor Hennessy.

But if Dr. Ayres and myself are active opponents of the water-closet system of conservancy in a town which has so little water in its sewers, we certainly make one exception, and that is in the case of the Hongkong Civil Hospital, which is furnished with a special water-supply of its own on a most generous scale. Both Dr. Ayres and myself are of opinion that in a hospital close, the first consideration is the instant removal of excreta matter every time the closet is made use of, and we deem that this can only be effectually done by water-closet. Therefore, we say the only proper convenience for a hospital is a water-closet, well ventilated, well trapped, and with abundant water-flushing power. For the Hongkong Hospital I have designed a special and properly-ventilated glazed stone-ware drain-pipe leading down to the sea, without any openings or house communications along the way. The gradient is a steep one, and with proper ventilation at the head of the pipe, and a tide valve at the bottom or outlet, absolute freedom from sewer gas or bad smells may be secured.

Quite recently one of the highest, if not the very highest, sanitary authority in England, whom I had the honour to meet at the Medical Congress, during the course of a conference we had on the subject of hospital conservancy, remarked that "only a madman would seek to introduce the dry-earth system within the walls of a hospital in preference to water-closets, provided there were an ample supply of water available." This happens to be the view Dr. Ayres and myself have taken in respect of the system to be followed at the hospital in Hongkong, and it will be intelligible to any undisciplined person, because the only other alternative, i.e., the dry-earth system, may deodorize, but it cannot disinfect, infectious stools. The mere absence of smell does not mean that the cause of infection has been removed. Under the dry-earth system, an accumulation of fecal matter, although without smell, has to remain for hours in contact with the surrounding air, disseminating the seeds of possible infection. Governor Hennessy, however, apparently under the impression that deodorization means disinfection, insists on forcing the dry-earth system on Dr. Ayres at the Hongkong Hospital, and the Colonial Surgeon's inability to accept the soundness of the Governor's views, however promptly he may be compelled to obey an Executive mandate, forms one more subject of complaint on the part of his Excellency.

I have drawn aside the curtain sufficiently to enable your Lordship to see a most lamentable picture, and I trust your Lordship, after a perusal of the documents, will

see the necessity of inquiring into and abating the evils I have disclosed. During the last year of Sir Arthur Kennedy's administration, have caused his Excellency to formulate charges against us which it would have been better not to have made.

The filthy condition of the cities and villages of Southern China, sickening and revolting beyond all power of language to describe, arising out of a combination of ignorance and neglect on the part of the authorities, and objectionable personal habits on the part of the people, should surely demonstrate that in a British colony like Hongkong, with so many European lives to be jeopardized, it is not to a shield for the safety of the people.

I cannot but think the wishes of your Lordship would be more correctly interpreted by Governor Hennessy seeking, in preference, the counsel and assistance of the proper professional officers provided for the purpose by Her Majesty's Government, and who by their experience and technical training are likely to be better acquainted with the principles of public hygiene than the Reverend Dr. Etel and the Chinese, at present the only persons consulted.

The subjects of inquiry which I will earnestly urge on your Lordship, in addition to that specified in paragraph 5 of this letter, are the following:

(i.) The causes of the disputed action of the higher sanitary officers of the Colony and the relaxed surveillance of the Nuisance Inspectors.

(ii.) The spread of insanitary human habitations by rich Chinese landlords.

(iii.) The impolicy of officially encouraging foul house-drains.

(iv.) The necessity for an increased public water-supply for domestic use and for the increased dilution of the sewage.

I have been long aware that an efficient scheme of sanitation for Hongkong cannot be arrived at without fresh legislation, owing to the present disjointed and somewhat contradictory serpents of sanitary law contained in the Ordinances of the Colony, and having given the subject some years' study and attention in conjunction with the Colonial Surgeon, I would have proposed a new Local Health Act to Governor Hennessy had I been able to entertain the hope that his Excellency would consider proposals of any kind emanating from myself. But should a Colonial Office inquiry into Hongkong sanitary matters satisfy your Lordship that fresh legislation is necessary, I beg, in my capacity of Surveyor General and as a sanitary engineer of some years' standing, to offer your Lordship my services in pointing out the more important errors and omissions of the present very imperfect local Ordinances, and the extensions and amendments which I think it will be desirable to introduce.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SCRIBLED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

INDESTITUTION OF PRINCE LEOPOLD.

LONDON, April 1.

The Prince Leopold is indisposed, and his marriage will probably be postponed.

THE QUESTION OF ARREARS OF RENT IN IRELAND.

LONDON, April 1.

The Premier, in reply to a question, said that he would consider the matter of arrears of rent in Ireland during the recess.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

LONDON, April 1.

Oxford won by several-lengths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Jonathan Bourne came out of Aberdeen Dock yesterday, and the S. S. Suez undocked at the same place to-day.

It is noticed that Mr. James Russell resumed his duties of Colonial Treasurer, and assumed the duties of Registrar General on the 13th instant.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, Captain H. G. Thomsett, R.N., to be Acting Police Magistrate.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to recognize, provisionally and until further notice, Mr. Rudolph Buschmann as in charge of the Netherlands Consulate at this port.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s Steamer Anchises, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port and Shanghai.

The French man-of-war *Villiers*, Captain M. Dewatri, arrived from Shanghai this morning, and exchanged salutes with the Port, Rear-Admiral Sullyan, and Commodore von Blane of the Stock.

The English mail will, during the summer months, according to present arrangement, leave at daylight on Wednesday, but the hours fixed will obviate night work. The posting with letter fee will be from 5.10 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and the supplementary mail will be closed at 9.30 p.m.

A BAZAAR in behalf of the orphans at the Italian Convent, Cause Road, is to be held on Monday, the 10th April, at two o'clock in the afternoon. It is to be hoped that the many friends of the Italian Sisters of Charity will gather in strong force on the occasion to help on the good work being done.

The Registrar-General's department seems to be awakening from the moribund condition in which it has so long lain; and under the rule of the gentleman who now holds the reins of office, many important reforms may be looked for. A step in the right direction has been taken by the appointment of Mr. C. Wassehus, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Brigade, as Inspector of the Jimrikha and Chair Traffic of the Colony. We may now expect to see something like order where all was chaos.

We have seen letters from Peking dated 20th March, and from Tientsin dated the 22nd. The opinion of most foreign residents in the two northern cities was that the chances were apparently very unfavourable for the sparing mind, and that there are grave reasons for expecting that the coal-pits would be closed by Imperial edict. If the opinions we give are confirmed, grievous injury will be done to the numerous shareholders. The *North-China Daily News* confirms our own report.

In the annual struggle between the Universities, the Dark Blues again walked off with the honours, thus reaching their twenty-first victory as against the seventeenth for Cambridge. The University Race is now about the only great sporting event, which is left free of suspicion, and those who put their money on either crew can depend on honest efforts to win, which is more than can be said of many other things which make much stir in the sporting world.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HYDE, Commander of the *Peruambuco*, died at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday evening, and was buried in the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

Captain Hyde received a stroke of paralysis on the 24th of March while on a voyage from Saigon to this port, and immediately on arrival was removed to hospital, where he was tended in the most careful manner, but without avail, as he never rallied. The deceased Captain was greatly esteemed by all those with whom he came in contact, and, though of a retiring nature, ingratiated himself with all his associates. Those who knew him well will great grieved at his premature death.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the Second Instalment of the *Mémoires concernant L'histoire Naturelle de l'Empire Chinois*, by the Fathers of the Company of Jesus at Shanghai. The instalment in question embraces Père Heude's Notes on land shells found in the valley of the Blue River. The letterpress is given in Latin and in French, and like Père Heude's previous works, are marvels of conciseness and clearness. The plates are very finely lithographed and printed. Indeed the work comes out in the form of an *édition de luxe*, and reflects the greatest credit on the Printing House Authorities of the Catholic Mission Orphanage at Tou-sé-wa.

We may mention that this work has been partially prepared for foreign residents in China, whom the author invites to verify his researches, to increase the number of specimens, and to make new discoveries of their own.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—Referring to your paragraph about the porcine-alcoholic experiments, now being conducted in Holland, Dr. Richardson, the scientific advocate of temperance, has already anticipated the Hague experimentalists. He mentions in a contribution to the *Gentleman's Magazine* in 1878, an instance of a felino drunkard dying of "cirrhosis of the liver." Examples are there furnished as to how drunken creation may learn to enjoy (?) drink equally with man. His particularly instances a pet pigeon that acquired a liking and craving for anaesthetic vapors, and would walk into his laboratory in order to gratify the same.

The Shanghai Courier says:—Messrs. Boyd and Co.'s lower dock, which is the largest in Shanghai, has just met with an accident which will probably interfere for a time with the general working of the establishment. It appears that a leakage has taken place which will occupy some time to repair. We hear that the barque *Chin-ka* and a brig, which were in dock, were partially filled with water. Eventually, to save the dock from being destroyed, the water was let in to the extent of 12 feet, and this quantity was deemed sufficient for the safety of the place. It is not accurately known whether the leak is in the caisson, or that the water works up from underneath.

"LUCREZIA BORGIA."

Donizetti's opera "Lucrezia Borgia" was given by the Italian Opera Company on Saturday night to a good audience. The life of the famous Italian princess has been made the foundation for many plots, good and bad and indifferent, and certainly admits of variety of treatment, but there is a sameness in the repulsiveness of the character, which is abhorrent to the English mind. Donizetti's opera has the advantage of fine music and liveliness of movement, which considerably relieves the gloom of the horrible story. The representation on Saturday evening was one of the best the Company has given in Hongkong, and the audience responded to the efforts of the artistes by vociferous applause. Signora

Lubin acted and sang exceedingly well, although there might have been more realism thrown into the portrayal of Lucrezia, the darker points of whose character might have been more vividly depicted than they were. Signora Silini as *Mafra* opened through her part with all the natural grace and ease which are peculiarly her own. Signora Bertolini did what she had to do conscientiously. It is needless to say that Signor Clocchi as *Don Alfonso* was in every respect equal to his part, acting and singing magnificently; as did also Signor Vanzetti as the unfortunate *Genaro*. Signor Corti gave a good delineation of *Gubetta*. The Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to approve of the following appointments made by His Excellency Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G.:—

Colonial Secretary's Office.—Mr. Luis Gonçalves Almeida e Castro, the fourth clerk of the Admiralty Department, to be first clerk; Mr. F. J. Macleod, to be second clerk; Mr. A. C. Botelho, to be fourth clerk; Mr. H. W. Sampson, to be fifth clerk.

His Excellency the Administrator has been pleased to make the following provisional and temporary appointments in the Government Central School:—

Mr. Lau Ho, to be Acting Fourth Assistant Master; Mr. Luk King-Lo, to be Acting Senior Pupil Teacher; to be Acting Fourth Assistant Master; Mr. Ahmad Ramjahn, to be Acting Junior Pupil Teacher; to be Acting Senior Pupil Teacher; Mr. Chan Tsang-fai, to be Acting First Monitor; to be Acting Junior Pupil Teacher; Mr. Ho Shau-cheung, to be Acting Second Monitor; to be Acting First Monitor; Mr. M. Alaraks, to be Acting Third Monitor to be Acting Second Monitor; Mr. Wat Pat-tai, to be Acting Third Monitor. These appointments will date as from the 9th January, 1882.

The following letter appears in the Government Gazette:—

The E. A. & C. Telegraph Co. Limited, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1882.

Sir.—I am in receipt of your letter of 20th instant, and for the information of His Excellency the Administrator I have the pleasure to tell you that my Directors have authorized me to arrange for the free transmission of a daily weather report from Manilla to Hongkong and vice versa. The

first was received from the Director of the Manilla Observatory yesterday evening, and a copy has been forwarded to Captain Thomsett, with a request that I may be furnished with similar observations for transmission to Manilla.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. E. Ayres, Surgeon,

Acting General Manager.

To Hon. W. M. Dacre, M.A.,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR OF A GERMAN SPANIAN. Paul Touth, a German seaman on the *Stock*, was fined \$1, or three days' imprisonment for having assaulted one of the inmates in the licensed brothel No. 189 Larden Street yesterday evening. The seaman had behaved in a violent and outrageous manner, and alarmed the inmates to a considerable degree.

(Before H. G. Thomsett, R.N.)

LARCENY.

Yong Yau, hawkie, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour for having stolen a cotton jacket from the boat of Fan Lui, hawkie, on Saturday evening at Aberdeen. Four previous convictions are recorded against him.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Woo Aau, a boy of 12 years of age, was convicted of the unlawful possession of a piece of piping, which he had picked up in the road to Pak-puk-mu, on the 1st instant. Fined £1, and given the option of suffering fourteen days' imprisonment for his offence.

DRUNK AND DISOBEDIENT.

Joseph Gomes was found lying drunk in Lascar Road on Saturday by a Sichuan constable, whom Joseph assaulted with his fist when the constable was arresting him. The magistrate fined him \$5, or fourteen days' imprisonment.

STRANDER.

John Berry, an unemployed seaman, after being convicted of beggary from house to house in Upper Lascar Row, and also from people on the street while under the influence of liquor on the 26th instant, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. He had been on three previous occasions imprisoned. Berry is a Russian Finlander and came to Hongkong in March of last year, and when apprehended was without a fixed place of abode, and without visible means of subsistence.

OFFENDER AGAINST THE OPIUM RULES.

John Stewart, a Russian, was charged with being an offender against the Opium Rules, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

KWONG HUANG SHUN and CHIANG HUNG,

traders, were charged with being in possession of about 13 taels of prepared opium on the 1st instant, without having a permit from the Opium Farmer.

Constable James Forster visited the house No. 95, Second Street, and, after searching, found two earthenware pots and two opium boxes, containing about ten taels of opium, one pot of opium drops, one pot of opium water, one pair of scales, a tray and a basin pan and strainer in the possession of the first defendant. Several articles of the same description were found in possession of the second defendant in the same room.

The defendants admitted the charge, and were fined \$200, or six weeks' imprisonment each, and if the fine was paid, the penalty was to be handed over to the holder of the exclusive privilege. The opium was ordered to be forfeited and given to the Opium Farmers.

DESEALING COPPER NAILS.

Chau Yau was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for having for sale 7 lbs. of copper nails from the American ship <

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Visitors' Column.

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PERMANENT RESERVE ... £1,230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ... £18,936.17
TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS 2nd April, 1881 ... £1,938,936.17

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Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid-up. Reserve. Working Account. Last Dividend. Closing Quotations. Cash.

BANKS
H.K. and Shai
Bank. 10,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 2,100,000 \$ 63,630.45 40/ * 113%—\$2061
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INSURANCES
Nth. China Ins. 1,000 \$ 2,000 \$ 1,600 \$ 238,000 \$ 1,251,064.91 TI. 75 TI. 1175

Yangtze Ins. 1,200 \$ 350 \$ 350 \$ 360 \$ 600,488 \$ 18,447.50 TI. 12/4 TI. 380

Union Ins. Soc. 500 \$ 2,000 \$ 800 \$ 381,787 \$ 437,688.58 \$ 144,273 \$ 81000

China Traders' Insurance. 600 \$ 1,666.66 \$ 500 \$ 475,000 \$ 91,928.40 20/ * \$1600

Cotton Ins. Office. 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 60 \$ 100,378 \$ 677.42 6% * \$85

Chinese Ins. Co. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 100,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 100,000

H.K. Fire Ins. 2,000 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 493,632 \$ 144,538.91 18% * \$200

China Fire Ins. 4,000 \$ 500 \$ 100 \$ 100 \$ 100

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